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Tentative Agenda

Board of Managers' Meeting

Chevy Chase Village Hall

Monday, December 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Note: The full agenda will be available on the Village website (by clicking on Board of Managers) by Friday, December 7.
January Appeal Deadline: 12/31 at 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

23 West Irving Street

27 Quincy Street

6108 Western Avenue

5501 Montgomery Street

10 Newlands Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar &

See the Enclosed Flyers

December 7 & 8: Open Houses at the Wohlfarth Property

December 12: Village Holiday Party

Week of January 7: Beginning of Winter Class Session

Article Deadline for December CRIER: 12/31.

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Season's Greetings!

The Annual Chevy Chase Village Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Festivities will include a visit with Santa Claus and a separate children's buffet this year.

So mark your calendars for the 12th and make your reservations by calling the Village at (301) 654-7300 or by e-mail to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Wohlfarth Property Annexation and Potential Uses

At the November 13 meeting of the Board of Managers, legislation was introduced to annex the 2-acre property into the Village. A Public Notice appears later in this edition of the *Crier* informing readers that the Board will conduct a public hearing and act upon the proposed annexation at its December 10 regular meeting. Both the Montgomery County Council and the County Executive have gone on record in support of the annexation.

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Brookville Road Walkway Project Scheduled for Preliminary Consultation with the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

As the *Crier* goes to press, the HPC includes on its Wednesday, December 5 agenda, a presentation from Village Board Chair, Dr. Douglas Kamerow. Dr. Kamerow will speak of the proposed introduction of a pedestrian walkway along the east side of Brookville Road. While the project is a Village initiative fully within

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Building Regulations Review—Phase 3

Winter & Company is completing their first computer models using measurement data provided by the Village office of existing home conditions throughout the Village. The models will provide perspective on how potential new regulations addressing Floor Area Ratio, Lot Coverage and Plate Heights might translate in practice with new home and renovation projects. The models will

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Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
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In The Village

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Annexation is a significant positive development and progress there is matched by opening discussions of resident desires for the property's uses in the years ahead. Prior to the November Board meeting, many residents had forwarded suggestions to the Village office on potential uses and the Board took up these suggestions during the meeting. Additional ideas were volunteered during the meeting and County Park and Planning representatives who were present offered encouragement for the collaborative endeavor ahead. The 2002 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Village and County that enabled the property's purchase prescribes that management responsibility for the resource is shared by Park and Planning and the Village. Park and Planning representatives spoke favorably of community outreach mechanisms like charets to generate ideas and suggested holding one or more charets. The Board agreed that charets could be useful and directed Village staff to coordinate with Park and Planning. The Village office will distribute information on events when plans mature, but as of this point first meeting dates are likely to occur after the holiday season.

Independent of the future uses discussions but central among residents' concerns, was what to do with the house and garage—should they stay or go. Equally elegant expressions were presented on both sides. In a non-binding vote of intent, the Board voted 6 to 0, with one absent, favoring expedited removal of the existing house and garage.

That not all residents supported removal and to help residents gain an understanding of the two structures as they stand, the Board directed staff to arrange for the house and garage to be opened for residents to tour each for themselves. The grounds may be enjoyed at any time and the opportunity to inspect the structures close-up will benefit future discussions on potential uses. Two **Open House** dates are set and a separate flyer is enclosed with more information.

**Rent the Village Hall
for your next event!**

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the Village's municipal boundaries, both the HPC and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) must grant permits for the work if installation is to occur. This consultation with HPC is the first of at least two preliminary reviews. The second preliminary review is yet to be scheduled with the SHA.

The HPC meeting will be held in the auditorium at 8787 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

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be posted on the Village website at www.ccvillage.org. Please use the Village Listserve registration instructions on page 6 to signup for instant notification when the postings occur and to receive timely information on other topics as well.

Mr. Winter will discuss these models via videoconference during the December 10 Board meeting. Based upon feedback received at that time, Mr. Winter and his staff will revise their models and begin development of draft standards for review and comment at the January 14

Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights (CCCFH)—Resident Involvement Invited

For years, the CCCFH has served as a credible and potent forum for municipalities like the Village, homeowner associations and citizen groups alike to consolidate their opinions on development issues affecting its member communities and to communicate its concerns directly to the Montgomery County Executive, the County Council and the Planning Board. The CCCFH was instrumental in rallying resident opinion as the Friendship Heights development plans took shape in the mid-1990s.

While development in Friendship Heights is winding down, CCCFH remains active on a myriad of matters and is always looking for new participants. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Geoff Biddle, the Village Manager, for additional information.

In The Village

From the Village Green

This summer the Board of Managers created the Environmental Committee with the mandate to explore ideas that could be recommended to village residents to protect our environment. Recently we had our first meeting and identified a number of areas which we wanted to study including energy and water conservation, noise pollution, Village recycling, building or remodeling green, and gardening practices including lawn and shrubbery maintenance. The Committee is presently composed of 10 members and growing with a number of its members having vast experience in various matters dealing with the environment. What I have proposed to the Committee is that as ideas emerge and are carefully vetted, they be published in the *Crier* for consideration by Village residents. For example, I propose that instead of washing your car you may want to take it to the local car wash.

To quote from a pamphlet distributed at the 2007 Solar Decathlon this summer on the Mall: *The typical 15-minute car wash with a garden hose uses about 105 gallons of water. Most of this water becomes soapy, grimy runoff, which flows untreated into streams, lakes, or wetlands, where it can threaten aquatic life. By choosing a commercial car wash, especially one that recycles and reuses rinse water, you are helping to conserve nearly 100 gallons of water per wash. If for the next car wash every car owner who currently washes a car at home chose to go to a water-recycling car wash instead, the savings would total more than 4 billion gallons—enough water to give every registered vehicle in the U.S. two free washes.* (www.BlueEgg.com)

In my own case I have almost always washed my own cars. I would get a certain amount of pleasure doing it, and I would save money. But my curiosity was peaked, so I set off on my bicycle and checked out the two car washes in Chevy Chase, D.C. At *Flagship Carwash Center*, 4432 Connecticut, the manager estimated that his operation used approximately 90% less water than I used with a hose and bucket. However, Flagship does not recycle the water. *Wash and Shine Car Wash*, located at 5020 Wisconsin, does recycle the water it uses for a car wash.

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If you have any questions regarding this suggestion or pertinent data that would shed light on car washing at home versus commercial operations, please contact me directly at lcheilman@verizon.net or call (301)657-3953.

Stay tuned, for in the next couple of months we will be coming out with suggestions for energy conservation.

Larry Heilman
Chair of the Village Environmental Committee

Snow Removal on Sidewalks



Sidewalks must be cleared of excess snow. Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48)

hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

Saks Fifth Avenue Parking Fee Proposal—Rejected

Representatives for *Saks Fifth Avenue* (Saks) came to the Board at its November regular meeting to get the Board's support to eliminate the current one-hour of free parking that it is obligated to provide pursuant to its current R-60 zoning through Montgomery County. Previous agreements with the Village require Saks to get Village consent prior to requesting a zone text amendment from Montgomery County.

Residents in attendance voiced their concerns that the requested modification would exacerbate the existing parking headaches already documented on the residential streets adjacent to the Saks property. Based on the residents' comments, the Board voted to reject the request.

Thank you to all residents that attended the meeting and expressed their concerns.

The Village Hall

Registration for Winter Session Child & Adult Classes

Classes are now forming for the winter session, which will begin the week of January 7. Class flyers, including the schedule and enrollment form, are enclosed in this issue of the *Crier* and are available in the Village office and on the Village website.

Board Actions - November 13, 2007 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: September 10, 2007 Meeting: Approved.

Committee Reports: Brookville Road Working Group—Committee Chair Douglas Kamerow explained that the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission would review the preliminary plans for the proposed walkway at its meeting on December 5, 2007, thereafter the plans would be submitted to the State Highway Administration for its review.

Appeals: A-5311—9 West Lenox Street: Replace and widen the existing gravel driveway with a paver driveway on private property—Approved. **A-1649—**

111 E. Melrose St.: Remove twelve (12) Leyland Cypress trees of varying diameters located in the rear yard of the property—Approved.

Old Business: Wohlfarth Property—Suggested Uses: Representatives from the County's Department of Park and Planning were in attendance and, together with the Board, heard comments from residents on how they felt the property and house should be used. The Board took a vote of intention reflecting that they would like to see the existing house demolished.

New Business: Resolution No. 11-01-07: Wohlfarth Property Annexation (Introduction)—Approved.

Manager's Report: The Board granted contract awards to the following—*Spectrum Printing & Graphics* for the printing of the Village's monthly newsletter; *Provisions Catering* to cater the annual Holiday Party; EDAW, Inc. to develop graphics to support the start of active fundraising for the rehabilitation of Connecticut Avenue.

Police Report: The Board authorized hiring an additional full-time officer to support speed camera operations. The cost for this officer will be directly paid by speed camera revenues.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions.

To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.ccvillage.org and click on "The Board of Managers".

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers of Chevy Chase Village will conduct a public hearing on December 10, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, in Humphrey Hall at Chevy Chase Village Hall, 5906 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 in connection with the proposed annexation of the land, commonly known as the "Wohlfarth Property", also known as lots 4 thru 8 and lots 20 thru 24, block 5, in the subdivision known as "Section 1-A, Chevy Chase". The area of the proposed annexation would enlarge the boundaries of Chevy Chase Village by adding an area of land totaling 1.89394 acres of land, more or less, which land is located between Western Avenue and Grove Street and south of Kirkside Drive, and which has a premises address of 5409 Grove Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

More detailed information can be found on file in the Village Manager's office at the Chevy Chase Village Hall. Persons wishing to have their names placed on the speakers list for the Board of Managers' hearing are asked to call 301-654-7300 by 3:00 p.m. on December 5, 2007.

Administrative Office Closings

The Administrative Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas and on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2008.

As always, the Communications Center and Police Department will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Class Registration—New Senior Discount

Chevy Chase Village is pleased to offer a 10% discount to all senior citizens (62 and older) who enroll in exercise classes beginning with the winter session that starts the second week of January 2008.

This discount is being offered for the 2008 class sessions in an attempt to increase attendance. The Building Facilities Commission will reevaluate the discount at the end of the year to determine if it will be continued.

If you are interested in improving strength, endurance, flexibility and balance, now's your chance. See the enclosed enrollment flyer or call or email Doris Lyerly (doris.lyerly@montgomerycountymd.gov) in the Village office for details.

The Police Beat

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

New Officer Joins the Village Police



Officer Omar Hasan joined the Chevy Chase Village Police Department on November 26, 2007.

Officer Hasan's previous law enforcement experience include two years with the Baltimore City Police Department and eight years with the Montgomery County Police Department. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves—Military Police Combat Support, and he has been a Child Abuse Investigator, a Homicide Investigator and an Alcohol Enforcement Officer.

Officer Hasan has received a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University in psychology, and a master's degree from Marymount University in forensic psychology.

In his spare time, he attends Covenant Life Church, plays softball, plays and coaches soccer and enjoys watching football and spending time with his wife and two children.

We welcome Omar to the Village!

Reminder: Please call the Communications Center or visit the Village website to schedule a House Check for your home before you leave town this Holiday season.

Safe Travel Tips

It is important when traveling, especially during the Holiday Season, to take precautions.

When traveling by car, wear your seatbelt, obey the speed limit and keep the following items in your car in case of emergency: flares, flashlight and fire extinguisher; spare tire and tire changing kit; blankets; water supply; non-perishable food items; first aid kit; and either a cell phone with battery or change for using a pay phone.

When traveling by plane, arrive at least two hours ahead of time for domestic flights and three hours

ahead of time for overseas flights. Be prepared to follow security procedures. In addition, have photo identification ready; have passport and/or visa for foreign travel; avoid areas known for terrorism; pack lightly and receive the proper medications or vaccinations for travel to that area.

In all cases, do not travel alone at night and avoid poorly lit streets; stay in hotels with good security; pack an extra supply of medication; wear comfortable clothing/footwear; and use common sense to avoid being a victim of crime.

Holiday Shopping

Chevy Chase Village wants you to have a safe and enjoyable holiday. But first, take a moment to review the following suggestions:

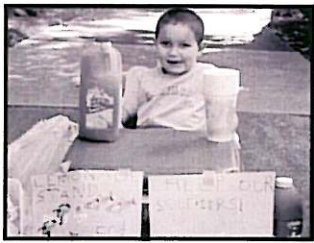
Safety Tips

- Always park in well lit areas when shopping.
- Never leave packages or valuables in plain sight in your vehicle.
- Whenever possible, walk in groups.
- Walk confidently (a potential mugger or thief will target people who seem apprehensive).
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- If you notice something that does not seem right, then it probably is not. Request assistance from Security personnel.
- When walking toward your vehicle, have your keys in your hand.

Protect Yourself Against Fraud

- Sign all credit cards prior to activation.
- Take only credit cards with you that you need.
- Do not keep check cashing cards in your checkbook.
- Keep purses or bags closed tightly.
- Keep your glove compartment locked or keep your registration on you as it contains vital personal information.
- When carrying large amounts of cash, keep it in different places, as opposed to all together.
- Never reveal your social security number to strangers or telemarketers.
- Never throw out anything that contains personal information without destroying it first (thieves search through trash in hopes of finding such material).

Community News



Five-Year Old Village Resident Helps Support our Troops

Five-year old Brandon Leach and his family are collecting donations for the soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. They are working through Operation Homefront. This organization's mission is to help the soldiers and the families they left behind. Their "e-care package" program is devoted to sending packages to overseas soldiers. (website: www.operationhomefront.net)

The soldiers very much appreciate these care packages, as it makes them feel remembered back home. Popular items often include: fans, candy, books, magazines, DVD movies, CDs and pillow cases. Additionally, they also love to receive letters.

If you are interested in making such a donation, please drop off your donation/letter at the Village's Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 12. The Leach family will then collect everything and send it to Operation Homefront's Texas warehouse. Staff there will bundle the donations into individual care packages and ship them overseas.

'Tis the Season Boxwood Wreaths & Trees Bulbs in Bloom & Beautiful Bows Offered by the Garden Club of Chevy Chase

These festive signs of the Christmas season can be pre-ordered at great prices with local pick-up at 5906 Cedar Parkway on Friday, December 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12noon.

Boxwood wreath sizes and prices are:
16" @ \$36.00, 22" @ \$42.00, and 36" @ \$64.00.
Boxwood trees: 18"high @ \$40.00

Handmade bows in different colors and styles and attractively packaged forced bulbs will be available for sale on the two pick-up dates. Please see the enclosed flyer for ordering information.

Avoid the crowds, buy great fresh greenery, save some money and support a local club which beautifies Chevy Chase.

Chevy Chase Village Listserve Sign-Up Instructions

1. Type groups.yahoo.com in your web browser.
2. Click on *Sign Up* in the green box.
3. Complete the form accordingly.
4. After successfully signing in, type *Chevy Chase Village* in the "Find a Yahoo! Group" field, and click SEARCH.
5. Click on *ccvillage*.
6. Click on *Join this Group*.

Congratulations! You are now signed up to use the Village Listserve to post contractor recommendations, offer tickets or items for sale, spread the word on upcoming yard or bake sales and any other topic residents wish to discuss.

To post a new message, type groups.yahoo.com in your web browser, sign-in using your Yahoo! ID and password, click on *ccvillage* on the left-hand of the screen and click on *Post* again on the left-hand side of the screen and type your message.

Listserve have become quite popular as convenient tools for sharing information. All residents are encouraged to enroll in this service.

MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will NOT visit the Friendship Heights Village Center during the month of December 2007. See the January 2008 issue of the *Crier* for their next scheduled visit.

For further information, go on the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montctv.htm or call the MVA at (800) 950-1682, ext. 2.

Holiday Gifts to our Trash and Recycling Contractor



If you would like to provide a monetary gift to our trash and recycling crews this Holiday season, please do so by placing an envelope on the lid of your trash cans or by providing it to them in person. Village staff can not provide your gift to the crews.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

Resident input regarding the contracted services for trash and recycling collection is an important factor during the evaluation of these services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center. Please leave your gates unlocked to allow access to your refuse.

Special pickups of bulk items are collected on Wednesdays. Requests must be submitted either by phone or via the Village website by 2:00 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure collection.

There will be **no** trash collection on Tuesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas **nor** on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1. For **both** of these weeks, collection will slide one day so Tuesday's collection will be made on Wednesday, Wednesday's collection will be made on Thursday, Thursday's collection will be made on Friday, and Friday's collection will be made on Saturday.

For these two weeks, **recycling** collection for residents WEST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Thursday, December 27 and Thursday, January 3. **Recycling** collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Friday, December 28 and Friday, January 4.

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Special pick-ups will **not** be affected during either of these two weeks and will be collected on their regularly scheduled days, Wednesday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 2.

Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager November 2007

101 E. Melrose St.....Replace fence, arbor
11 E. Lenox St..Replace concrete driveway with brick pavers, sod
8 W. Lenox St.....Construct garden pavilion, replace pool terrace
5624 Western Ave.....Rebuild deck and reconfigure steps
15 Newlands St.....Replace walkway, enlarge drywell under lawn
5515 Cedar Pkwy.....Re-roof front porch, repair porch eave
146 Grafton St....Transplant Purple Plum, install tree preservation
5506 Center St.....Construct rear screen porch with deck, steps
5609 Belmont Ave.....Replace/extend ret. wall, re-face walkway
27 Quincy St.....Interior remodeling
27 Quincy St.....Rear yard additions
128 Grafton St.....Tie sump pumps, downspouts into storm drain

Contact the Village office prior to beginning any work to verify permit requirements.
Permit verification requests can be submitted by email to ccv@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Holiday Party
Wednesday, December 12, 2007
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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